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Mexican Citizen Sentenced on Immigration Charge

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that **Roberto Gonzalez-Leal**, 32, of Mexico, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in Portland to 8 months imprisonment and 3 years supervised release, for Illegal Reentry by a Removed Alien. Gonzalez-Leal pleaded guilty on April 1, 2008.

According to court records, on November 27, 2007, the Rumford, Maine Police Department received a tip regarding an illegal alien who was residing at a homeless shelter in the town. A Rumford officer responded to the shelter and located Gonzalez-Leal. Rumford police held Gonzalez-Leal until he was transferred to the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). ICE records showed that Gonzalez-Leal had been removed from the United States on February 9, 2007 at El Paso, Texas. He was therefore required to obtain permission from the Secretary of Homeland Security before reentering the country but failed to do so.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Rumford Police Department.

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